

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-29 have been allowed.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Ex parte Quayle

The Office Action mailed May 28, 2004 indicates that the Application is in condition for allowance except for the drawings. The Examiner has pointed out that FIG. 1 is not labeled as "Prior Art" and that the remaining figures do not include element numerals or corresponding entries in the Specification.

In order to overcome the Examiner's objection to this formal matter, Applicants have submitted replacement figures and a substitute Specification along with this reply.

It is respectfully submitted that the formal matters have been satisfied, and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

37 C.F.R. §1.125 Statement

The accompanying substitute specification includes amendments to add element numbers that coincide with the figures. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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